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## **GLENDALÉ RECEIVES ARIZONA GAME AND FISH GRANT FOR EXPANDED XERISCAPE GARDEN PROGRAM**

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program will receive a grant from the Arizona Game and Fish Department for education at the city's Xeriscape Demonstration Garden.

This grant will support the city's existing water conservation programs by funding the installation of a four-sided educational kiosk in the Habitat Garden along with the funds to develop conservation-related materials for the kiosk. This grant was created to fulfill the Game and Fish Department's mission of working with agencies to conserve and preserve the state's wildlife and wildlife heritage. The grant, totaling \$17,800, will be implemented over a three-year period. To be eligible, the city matched the funds with both in-kind and budgeted funds, bringing the total project to \$35,731.

The Habitat Garden is a demonstration area within the four-acre Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden located at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Habitat Garden is certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation and showcases native Sonoran Desert plants that support desirable wildlife, such as hummingbirds and butterflies, in an urban setting. The area offers a unique opportunity for homeowners to experience the benefits of installing an urban habitat.

Additional components to the project will include interpretive signage and brochures, an annual event that will coincide with the Arizona SciTech Festival, free classes for homeowners, as well as additions to the department's youth education programs, including a field trip activity and puppet shows at the Glendale Main Library.

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“Landscaping that attracts desirable wildlife is an emerging trend, especially in urban landscapes,” stated Joanne Toms, water conservation specialist. “This grant provides us with the opportunity to install an educational kiosk available to the thousands of people who visit the popular Glendale Xeriscape Garden each year.”

Glendale’s Conservation and Sustainable Living Program is part of the city’s Water Services Department and consists of award-winning youth education programs on water and energy conservation, free classes for HOAs and homeowners on water and energy conservation and much more. For more information, visit [www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation](http://www.glendaleaz.com/waterconservation) or call 623-930-3535.

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